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## THE AUTO CLUB'S TRIP

The work of the Kauai Automobile Club has been quite serious in the past. There has been no relaxation in it and the officers, realizing that all work and no play, makes Jack a dull boy, have decided to put on a trip next Sunday that will make up for a long period of quiet times.

The committee in charge, consisting of K. C. Hopper, George F. Ewart Jr., J. S. B. Pratt Jr., and J. M. Lydgate, have announced that the first trip will be run off next Sunday morning. Starting from their respective homes so that they can get to Hanalei beach at 10 o'clock, all the drivers may take a little dip in the ocean if they like and take in the scenery of this district. They will then drive to Haena where the caves will be explored. J. M. Lydgate, well versed in the lore of the islands, will tell of the history and myths of this district and every effort will be made to see that all have a good time. Picnic dinners will be carried by all the tourists to Haena.

The automobile club invites all Kauai people who are interested to make this trip. Whether you are a member of the club or not, come along and enjoy a good outing. Meet and mix with all the people of the island and have a real day's recreation.

## THE PEOPLE AND TAXES

All over the country the people are crying for a reduction in taxation, and all over the country they are demanding increased service from the government in the form of aid for various public enterprises, highway improvements, new local public service, new local public offices, public buildings, and in fact, a host of things that will require the expenditure of public money. There seems to be an idea that money expended by the government costs nothing; that all that is necessary is to obtain congressional influence to bring about the desired result and government pays the bills from a treasury that is kept miraculously filled.

The fact of the case is that the government is supported by the people, either in direct or indirect taxation. Direct taxes are visible and objectionable. Indirect taxes are covered up in the prices of the commodities we consume; but they are there and mean much to the consumer, who may complain at the price but who pays without protest the tax that the government takes upon every article that passes over the country.

Taxes may be reduced and the public debt may be reduced by a system of rigid economy and a general determination to delay all unnecessary improvements and enterprises until such time as the government is in a better condition to undertake them.

The expenses of government are enormous and will be great, even under the most economic system that can be formulated. On top of this we have a public debt of practically, \$21,000,000,000, the principal and interest of which must be paid out of the public treasury and with the people's money; money that must be gathered annually from the pockets of the people in some form of taxation, and the interest alone is a big item of public expense.

If we hope to ever reduce the burdens of taxation we must do business upon sound business principles and refrain from the expenditure of money that we do not have and which must be borrowed, and if borrowed, must be paid back with interest.

We can never get rid of financial troubles by plunging deeper into the abyss of debt. Our borrowing capacity diminishes in the ratio of its abuse and taxes must increase as the public debt grows larger.

The war is over, but its cost we have with us and will have it for many years to come. Our only hope for lower taxation is in economy.

Another reason why some people never seem to do much good is because they are never willing to do a little at a time.

It is also a hard fact to dispute that fewer suits you have in your wardrobe the more you will have in your wardrobe.

Lots of nations are running around yelling for world peace, when all they want is another piece of the world.

They're learning so fast we wouldn't be surprised anytime to hear of a woman suing for separation and absolute custody of the pocketbook.

About the only thing a college course does for some boys is to teach them new words to use when writing home for money.

## THE POLIAHU PARK

J. M. Lydgate's proposal that the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and similar Kauai bodies petition the governor and the territorial land commissioner to set aside the Punki ridge as a part of the Poliahu Park deserves more than passing notice. Mr. Lydgate is, so to speak, taking time by the forelock. He is trying to save for the public a historical place and a beautiful park site that would otherwise be hopelessly lost.

Mr. Lydgate's proposal is embodied in a letter addressed to Governor Farrington and to Commissioner Bailey, and which is printed in the columns of this paper.

If this petition is granted, as we have every reason to hope that it will be, not only a place of great historical interest will be saved but a place fronting the Wailua river will be set aside that in the future will be of much public use for boating and aquatic sports, etc.

A few years ago Hilo could have got such a park space in front of the town. Now the site is all covered over with unsightly buildings and many people are now vainly seeking a way to remove them, even at great expense, that they may have a suitable public park.

We may not want or use the place for a few years, but certainly it is the idea of a farseeing, public spirited man to wish to set it aside for the benefit of the public.

## PRIVACY NO LONGER

Owing to recent discovery, telephone conversation between neighbors has lost its privacy thru a radio device, the nature of which is not divulged to the public.

The device, or whatever it may be, is announced by the Society for Electrical Development to have been discovered by Albert E. Proffitt, of Providence, R. I., who, only a few weeks ago, heard telephone conversation and telephone numbers called while operating a radio device, or experimenting with one.

So positive is Proffitt that he has discovered something that will put an end to telephone privacy that he is guarding his secret, allowing the simple fact to escape that the secret lies in the wiring of his amplifier. He has verified his discovery by taking down telephone conversations and then gone to the parties conversing, who have admitted the statements to be a fact.

If this discovery of Mr. Proffitt is put into general use people will have no privacy even over private lines; for this device gathers the whole conversation, regardless of the fact that under present telephonic arrangements there is no way, except it be by the newly discovered radio device, that such conversation could be heard by a third party.

This device, while it will render private conversation impossible, will be of great value in the detection of criminals, the prevention of crooked deals, and the passing of scandalous conversations over the wires; for people who use the phones will need to be more careful lest they are detected and punished, for such has undoubtedly passed over the wires between friends who love gossip through the telephone.

Hereafter telephonic conversation will be self-censored, and the phones will be confined more to business and such conversation as may be openly made before the public.

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## NEW AUTO NUMBERS READY; POLICE TO PICK UP DELINQUENTS

Have you dropped into the county building and received your new auto number. They are here now and all that is necessary is to call around to K. C. Ahana's office and get the new plates.

You have until the 15th of May to do this and in case you put it off until after that Sheriff Rice or one of his merry men will pick you up and you can tell it to the judge.

The delinquent date set according to law was the first of March, but owing to the delay in the arriving of the numbers the date has been advanced until the 15th of May.

So, now you have had your warning and there will be no alibi if you try to get by on your old number.

## HAWAIIAN BORN JAPANESE MEETING

There will be a meeting Thursday night in the Mokihana Hall for all the Hawaiian born Japanese young ladies and young men. This meeting which is conducted by Messrs. Scudder and R. W. Bayless, is for the purpose of discussing birth registration, dual citizenship, national allegiance, etc. All young people of this group will be welcomed to come and express their thoughts.

## CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

The account of the high school Girl Reserves' demonstration meeting appearing in this paper last week was from the pen of Miss Lin Lung Tam of the class of 1924 and a member of the Hima corps of the Girl Reserves.

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